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LB 24, 199

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: LB 24 is advanced. We will now go to LB 199.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 199 was a bill introduced by the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. (Read title). The bill was read on January 12th, referred to the Constitutional Revision Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendments to LB 199 require a park entry permit for entry to a state park which requires an entry permit at all times during the year. Currently the Games and Parks Commission has the authority to establish the dates when the park entry permits are required. The Commission's current policy is to require park permits from May 1st to October 31st. Many people who use the park facilities during other months of the year for cross country skiing, ice fishermen and others use park facilities during the so-called off season. Our committee voted to require these persons to also obtain a park entry permit before they use the park facilities. The committee felt that this policy is necessary to equalize the treatment between users of the parks' facilities during the summer months and those who use the facilities during the other seasons of the year. I urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the committee amendments on LB 199. I believe that what the committee is attempting to do here is somewhat unfair. It seems to me that if the Commission in their judgment says that at a certain time of the year it is all right to drive in one of our state parks during the winter without having a permit, or during the off season, that we should allow the Commission to do so. I guess the question I would pose is since the park isn't open, who is going to check whether you have got a permit or not? If you drive in one of these parks, one of the lakes out around my area in the middle of the winter, maybe you are driving in there just to enjoy the snow on the trees, or whatever, I doubt very seriously if you